

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

If you owned all of the tv, radio, and newspaper outlets in a region, wouldn't you expect them to say what you believe in? If more than one person owns the media, regionally and nationally, it is more likely that the media that they do own will explain things differently, and provide a wider range of views on topics because of different ownership and leadership. Our democracy needs a diversity of ideas, not one person, or one elite group's view of reality, or else the power to shape reality will corrupt those that control the media, and corrupt the democratic process that relies on open debate based on facts. If consolidation rules are loosened, and ever fewer people control how the news is presented, our news will eventually become only propaganda.